

" Speak it again. Dolly dear!" he exclaimed.

" Say it again, that I may hear it once more."

" New Switzerland! " laughed the girl,
her eyes
shining with happiness.

" New Switzerland ! " Jenny repeated,
holding
Fritz's hand in her own*

And there was not one of them, not
even Bob,
who did not echo it.

" Well, good people," said Captain
Harry Go-old,
" if we have made up our minds to go
down to
the foot of the mountain we have no
time to
lose.⁵⁵

" What about eating ?" John Block
enquired.

" And how are we to get food on the
way ? "

" In forty-eight hours we shall be at
Rock Castle,"
Frank declared.

" Besides," Fritz said, " isn't there
any quantity
of game on the plains of New
Switzerland ? "

" And how are you going to hunt it
without
guns ?" Captain Gould enquired. "
Clever as
Fritz and Frank are, I hardly imagine
that merely
by pointing a stick"

" Pooh!" Fritz answered. " Haven't
we got
legs ? You'll see, captain! Before mid-
day to-
morrow we shall have real meat
instead of that
turtle stuff."

" We must not abuse the turtles,
Fritz," said
Jenny, " if only out~of gratitude,"
"You are quite right, wife, but let
us be offi